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Tito's speech of 7 March 1955 had been a trial balloon.¹ Belgrade was surprised about the meek reaction on the side of Moscow. [] Tito was more convinced than ever that the present weakness of the USSR must be exploited to the fullest extent. In this analysis of the situation, Tito agrees with Nehru and U Nu. Tito has the intention of reviving his Balkan plans of 1946 and 1947 and of obtaining the consent of the USSR for these plans. Tito would consider the implementation of these plans as the crowning achievement of his life. He believes Molotov to be his fiercest opponent in this respect while Khrushchev is expected to take a more positive attitude toward his Balkan plans. [] Tito would operate very prudently in order not to hurt Washington.

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Comment: In this speech Tito stated that Molotov's references to Yugoslavia did not correspond to the true state of affairs.

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